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TAGS: CASC (HUMAN RIGHTS)
SUBJ: W/W ARRESTS: HUMAN RIGHTS

REF: (A) STATE 193182 (B) A-3916

1. POST CAN NOT FOLLOW FORMAT PRESCRIBED BY REF. B
BECAUSE THIS OFFICE HAS NEVER RECEIVED REFTEL. THEREFORE
POST CAN NOT COMPLY WITH DEPARTMENT'S REQUEST THAT POST SEND
NEW REPORTS PER A-3916 ON QUIRK, LE MAY, DAVIDSON, AND KINOS.
REQUEST THAT COPIES OF REF. B BE SENT TO THIS OFFICE ASAP.

2. POST WAS UNABLE TO REPORT THE ARRESTS OF QUIRK, LE MAY,
DAVIDSON, AND KINOS AS QUICKLY AS DESIRED BECAUSE TELEX DID
NOT FUNCTION. HEAVY RAINS HAD DESTROYED THE TELEX LINES
AND THEY HAD TO BE REPLACED BEFORE POST COULD AGAIN SEND
OUT MESSAGES.

3. WHILE IT IS TRUE THAT MISTREATMENT USED TO BE ALLEGED BY
AMCITS ARRESTED IN DRUG CASES, THOSE PERSONS WHO ALLEGED
MISTREATMENT CONSISTENTLY REFUSED TO MAKE COMPLAINTS. THEREFORE
CONOFFS HAD NO BASIS FOR COMPLAINT TO AUTHORITIES. AT PRESENT
TIME POLICE ACCORDING TO NEW DETAINEES ARE NOT MISTREATING
THEM AS A MATTER OF POLICY. SINCE LACK OF COMPLAINTS DATES
FROM THE ADVENT OF A NEW COMMANDER OF THE FEDERAL JUDICIAL
POLICE, ASSUME THAT SITUATION HAS IMPROVED AND WILL CONTINUE
TO IMPROVE.

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4. WHILE IT IS TRUE THAT PROMPT ACCESS TO ARRESTED AMCITS AND CONSULAR ATTENDANCE AT INTERROGATIONS, ARRAIGNMENTS, HEARINGS, AND OTHER JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS REMAINS THE MOST EFFECTIVE WAY TO REDUCE THE INCIDENCE OF COMPLAINTS; POST FEELS THAT DEPARTMENT SHOULD RECOGNIZE THE MANPOWER CONSTRAINTS UNDER WHICH PERSONNEL MUST OPERATE IN MAZATLAN. IT MUST NOT BE FORGOTTEN THAT MAZATLAN IS ONLY A TWO MAN POST. VISAS, ADMINISTRATIVE DUTIES, CITIZENSHIP WORK, SECURITY, COMMUNICATIONS, AND PROTECTION AND WELFARE MUST BE SHARED BY TWO OFFICERS. THUS, EVEN THOUGH MAZATLAN HAS THE THIRD HIGHEST TOTAL OF IMPRISONED AMCITS IN MEXICO, THIS OFFICE CAN NOT AFFORD TO ASSIGN ONE OFFICER TO

PRISONER WORK

AND STILL EXPECT TO CARRY OUT ITS OTHER DUTIES. MOREOVER SUCH ATTENDANCE MORE PROPERLY LIES WITHIN THE PURVIEW OF AN ATTORNEY.

5. THE ABOVE SHOULD NOT BE TAKEN TO MEAN THAT THE PERSONNEL AT THIS POST DO TAKE SERIOUSLY THEIR DUTIES OF PROTECTION AND WELFARE ON BEHALF OF IMPRISONED AMCITS. CONOFFS DO ATTEMPT TO INTERVIEW ARRESTED AMERICANS ASAP BUT MANY TIMES A GAP OF TWO OR THREE DAYS EXISTS BETWEEN THE ARREST AND THE CONSULAR INTERVIEW. THIS GAP IS CAUSED BY THE SIMPLE FACT THAT THIS OFFICE IN MANY CASES DOES NOT DISCOVER THE FACT OF AN AMCIT'S ARREST UNTIL TWO OR THREE DAYS HAVE ELAPSED. BE ASSURED THAT THE CONOFFS AT THIS OFFICE DO ATTEMPT TO CARRY OUT THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES VIS-A-VIS ARRESTED AMCITS WITHIN BOTH THE CONFINES OF THE LAW AND THOSE OF EFFICIENT OPERATION.

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